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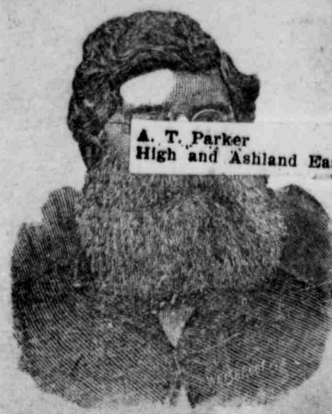
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JUDGE PARKER

WHO ACQUITTED ME OF THE CHARGE OF "BLASPHEMY" TALKS LIKE I DO.

Judge Parker of Lexington, was presiding and acquitted me, when the State, at the instance of Rev. Dr. Heggate, prosecuted me for blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, when I don't even believe in ghosts.

Judge Parker in his instructions to the grand jury for December, said some things that you will notice sound a good deal like me.

From the Lexington Democrat's report I extract the following:

"Judge Parker said of the people of Kentucky that with all their learning and religion and hospitality they were among the most lawless people in the world and gave as a reason for this lawlessness a prevalent disregard for strict administration of the laws. His plea to the grand jury to do their full duty was quite earnest."

"Judge Parker recognized the great evil of the liquor traffic in his charge, but did not presume to place the responsibility on the saloon man more than upon the manufacturer and the consumer and said that he could possibly draw no distinction between the man in the overalls who drank his glass of beer at a corner saloon and the rich man who sipped his wine in the luxury of his club, nor between the negro who shot 'craps' in an alley for five cents and the man of affairs who lost a thousand dollars in a card game where the law never reached him. His plea was for the administration of the laws, whether they be wise or unwise. To him it was not a question whether it would be better to allow a man who keeps his saloon open to close on Sunday because the law demands it and the law must be upheld."

THE MRS. CADWICK CASE.

Mrs. Chadwick's case shows the same old story about the superiority of infidel morals over those of the Christians.

As a swindler of banks she breaks the record. Her assistant in her scheme is Cashier Beckwith. As soon as he is caught up with her begins to call upon "God" and "heaven" to attest that he is innocent.

Mrs. Chadwick, who, almost certainly will prove to be a member of some fashionable church, is a base, beautiful woman and has used her personal charms to work these old Christian rascals.

She tried to rope in Andrew Carnegie who is an infidel humanitarian, but Carnegie barely said he had had nothing to do with her, and that settled it, and nobody suspects him of having lied.

But Rev. Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton, a Baptist preacher of Cleveland, Ohio, is now holding a protracted meeting at Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Chadwick uses his name in connection with her affairs.

Dr. Eaton admits he has talked with Mrs. Chadwick but says he gave her good advice about managing her business affairs.

There is no evidence that Eaton has been guilty of any impropriety with the woman but it is almost certain that if Mrs. Chadwick had been a poor ugly good old woman Dr. Eaton's name would not have been mentioned in connection with her.

THOMAS D. BALLARD.

An Infidel Dies in Lexington.

On December 9th, at the age of 68, Thomas D. Ballard, died in Lexington. In the Courier-Journal's account of him occurs the following:

"Mr. Ballard retired from active business about ten years ago on account of ill health, and since that time he had led a life of retirement. He was a man of great learning and lived surrounded by the thoughts of great men which he gleaned from their books, to which he had devoted practically all of his time during the years of his retirement. He is survived by a widow and one son, Mr. Fred T. Ballard, formerly a well-known newspaper man of this city,

but for the past two years living in New York."

I have known Tom Ballard for 30 years. I never knew, nor heard of, even the least thing that was derogatory to his character. I never heard of the least hint of any unkindness that he ever did to any human or animal.

He took three copies of Dog Fennel and Fred took two. Tom is said to have read it with enthusiastic pleasure and Fred said of it, "It is the greatest thing that ever happened."

No more peaceable, moral, gentle, temperate, modest, kind, unobtrusive man than Tom Ballard ever lived and died in Lexington.

His wife, an exceedingly popular woman, and patron and teacher of music, was my parishioner when I was a clergyman. His son, Fred T. Ballard, a splendid fellow, now a newspaper man in New York City, was perhaps the youngest editor in the world.

I was a subscriber to a paper that he edited—50 cents a year—when he was only eight years old.

When I was in the penitentiary W. D. Shipp, who had been Mrs. Ballard's Sunday school teacher, in the Campbellite church, was also in the penitentiary, for robbing the bank of which he was cashier, at Midway, Ky., and Mrs. Ballard said to my wife, "It's hard on my faith to have my pastor and my Sunday school teacher both in the penitentiary and my husband believing as he does."

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming and the Christians will display the legend "Peace on earth; good will to men."

The Christian religion has now been exerting its influence for nearly 2000 years, and to-day, Russia, the most Christian nation on earth is conducting one of the bloodiest wars known to history, brought on by her own cruelty and injustice. Fights between capital and labor are going on in America, all the time. There are suicides that were never known before in the history of the world, more murders and, especially murders of women and children by the husband and father, in all cases the murderers being Christians.

In Lexington, soon after Christmas, a devout Bible reading, church-going, praying Christian, Bess, is to be hung for the murder of a woman. I believe, from personal observation that there is more crime in Christian Kentucky than in the whole of Mohammedan Egypt, and much more crime in Lexington, with 30,000 inhabitants than in Mohammedan Cairo with 500,000 inhabitants.

Nearly all of this Christian crime is induced by liquor drinking which Jesus Christ taught the people to drink, by making it and drinking it himself, while Mohammed taught his followers not to drink liquor.

Naturally the Christians will, at Christmas, the alleged birthday of their God, buy liquor and get drunk. Infidels must not imitate these Christian people and celebrate the birth of the Christian God by drinking liquor at Christmas.

Do not, during these drunken Christian holidays, nor at any other time, buy any liquor, tobacco, jewelry, or fine clothing.

If you have any more money than is necessary for you to have, either at Christmas or at any other time, use it to assist some poor people, Christian or infidel, who may live near you and who may personally know to be in need from no fault of their own.

I do not want anybody, any where, to spend a single cent for any Christmas present for me. I do not need it, and would be happier to know that you gave it to some one who does need it.

POOR MAN NEEDS REST.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is a man of whom I have never heard anything except that he is the son of his father, and is a teacher in a Baptist Sunday School.

The other day he gave a dinner at the Hotel Majestic, to 275 guests who all belonged to the Young Men's Bible Class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church.

In a speech to them he stated that he had "been ordered to Europe for a rest."

Poor fellow; it's real pathetic. Let us pray that he may speedily recuperate from his overworked condition.

ROCKEFELLER

Denounced as a Hypocrite by a St. Louis Minister.

ATTACK ON TRINITY CHURCH.

Its Wealth in Saloons, Gambling Joints and Houses of Ill Repute.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Frances Russell, pastor of the West Presbyterian church, one of the oldest and wealthiest congregations in the city, startled the ministerial meeting to-day by a bitter attack upon John D. Rockefeller, whom he styled a hypocrite, and a severe arraignment of Trinity church, of New York, which, he charged, derived large revenues from renting her property to gambling houses and houses of ill-repute. His theme was: "The Relation of the Church to the Industrial Situation."

After questioning the sincerity of such men as John D. Rockefeller, he said:

Is there any doubt that men to-day question the integrity of the church or that women are skeptic of virtue? They are asking, "give us a reason for your existence; tell us what to do gold you have locked up in your treasury; you are waxing fat while we, the people, are being oppressed and are starving."

Unless the church shows more piety of sentiment in these days she cannot win. She must take a clean position in these matters, and until she does her influence is weakened. Trinity church, that stands to-day as a grand monument to the head of Wall street, in New York, supposedly for everything that is good and noblest, where crime and vice are denounced on every Sabbath morning, yet Trinity has its wealth invested in houses of ill-fame, saloons and gambling joints. It is too prone to look at the material things. We must root out all of things. We must maintain a position that will bear investigation. The churches cannot afford to become filled with men who profess Christianity, but who are in reality far from being Christians. John D. Rockefeller has long posed as a Christian, yet it has been proved that he has signed petitions for saloons, and the terrible expose of the gigantic corporation of which he is the head, in my opinion, is sufficient proof, that he is not sincere in his sentiments, and the sooner the church rids herself of such men the better she will be for it. The position of these men is antagonistic to the real interest of the church, and until she is divorced from their influence she cannot prosper.

The above is from the Courier-Journal. If Rockefeller got his money honest ly, he has a right to it all. If it can be shown that he got any part of it by dishonesty, he should be punished and the amount taken from him, and restored to its real owner. I believe that Rockefeller is a hypocrite and that he is using his religion to make money out of it, and I believe that Rev. Dr. Francis Russell and all other Reverend Doctors are hypocrites and use their religion to make money out of it, and any Reverend Doctor in the United States would get all of Rockefeller's money if he would not be caught and punished for it. The thing that is troubling Rev. Dr. Francis Russell, is that he, being a Presbyterian, is not getting any of Rockefeller's Baptist money. Rockefeller could send Russell a check that would make Russell say from pulpit, that Rocky is the best man in America.

REV. EATON RIGHT IN IT.

Things are beginning to look more and more like the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton is all mixed up in Mrs. Chadwick's rascality.

The Associated Press has the following:

"Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—With reference to the statement of Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, of Cleveland, that he assisted in having introduced Mrs. C. L. Chadwick and Herbert D. Newton, though he was not well acquainted with the woman, Mr. Newton said to-day:

"All I've got to say is this: I don't see why, simply because a man happens to be a minister of the gospel, he should not step forth in man fashion

and take his medicine like the rest of us."

"Will you state what you mean to convey?" Mr. Newton was asked.

"You may draw whatever conclusions you please," was the answer."

Eaton is the pastor of Rockefeller at Cleveland, and Rev. Wallace, Presbyterian at Louisville, has lately denounced Rocky as a very hard party, but Rocky has the rocks and he would probably hire some fellow of his own stripe to preach to him.

I learned, in the penitentiary that men of the same stripe flock together just like "birds of a feather."

The Louisville Herald has a picture of Eaton, who is now conducting a distracted meeting at that town.

Aton looks like a regular masher. —not sour mash like Lexington whiskey, but sweet mash. He has his arms folded across his breast and a bewitching moustache, with a look in his eye that looks like it would be irresistible to women.

His church is on Euclid Avenue that Walter Hurt used to bombard with his "Gatling Gun" for exceedingly fly department among the sexes.

All things considered Rev. Eaton is exactly the kind of a man that the Chadwick woman would be likely to tackle for her purposes and Eaton looks for all the world, just like the kind of a man who would be liable to tumble to the racket of a woman like Chadwick. The papers contain very frequent accounts of interesting little episodes between preachers and women of her kind and the chances are that the public does not get onto one in a dozen of these.

Mrs. Chadwick is a Christian. The Louisville Herald says in part as follows:

"The Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick story hovered for a time over Louisville last night, when it became known that the woman who has outlived the best business men of the United States had used even the cloak of religion to attain her ends, and had held a conference last spring in Cleveland with Dr. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Rockefeller Euclid Avenue Baptist church, who finished last night a series of sermons at the Broadway Baptist church."

I wrote before knowing anything of Mrs. Chadwick's religious views that it would be found out that she is a Christian and the allusion to her "cloak of religion" confirms my prophecy. The Herald's interview with Eaton shows him a man of monumental self-conceit and cheek. Some extracts from that interview are as follows:

"Like the Savior, I was sent not to destroy but to save."

"I am asked for advice on affairs ranging from the best treatment for an in-grown toe nail to family secrets."

"I am not at liberty to say whether or not she told me how much she had to invest or what kind of property she possessed. That is in the nature of a confession and I am, of course, not at liberty to reveal some of the things of which we talked."

"At first I believed that Andrew Carnegie was not implicated at all in the case. Now I do not know exactly what to think about this part of the story. Carnegie is a Scotchman and he is hard-headed. He has \$300,000,000 and I am now in doubt about the part he had in the case."

Eaton, according to his own explanation, is a combination of Corn Doctor and Doctor of Divinity and a kind of a Baptist priest to whom the people confess and in which women and he talk about some things of which it would be unprofessional in him to tell. Very likely.

Nobody of any common sense thinks Carnegie is at all involved in the matter, because no man with an income of \$10,000,000 a year, would give his note for \$150,000 at the same time that he is giving away millions of dollars annually.

A man who has had as much steel in his head as Carnegie has had might be hard-headed, but that is not a crime in our courts, and shows that Eaton was trying very hard to find something to say against Andy and couldn't find it.

COMPLIMENT FOR DOG FENNEL.

A college and university man of literary taste who is a valuable citizen, has just said to me: "I have just finished reading Dog Fennel the third time. It is the most entertaining book I ever read."

HON. TOBIAS GIBSON

An Infidel and Captain in the Confederate Service Dies, in Lexington, Loved and Honored by All Who Knew Him.

On Sunday night, December 4th, Captain Tobias Gibson of the Confederate service, died, at the age of 67 years, at his home in Lexington, Ky.

He had retired to his room in good health, and was lying in bed reading, his wife and daughter, the only members of his family, being in an adjoining room.

He called his daughter and she went immediately to him and found him dead.

His wife, who was Miss Evelyn Bright of Woodford County, Ky., is my second cousin. His daughter is regarded as one of the greatest beauties of Kentucky and on this account, and for her various other attractions, has been frequently honored, and especially in matters pertaining to the Confederate army.

The mother and daughter are both exceedingly lovely women.

Captain Gibson is the last of six brothers who fought in the Confederate service.

His brother, Colonel Hart Gibson, died not long since and a few years ago died his brother General Randall Gibson, for many years United States Senator from Louisiana.

Captain Gibson went into the army as a private and was promoted to a captaincy.

He was born in Lexington, Ky., but spent the greater part of his life in the South and in Woodford county, Ky.

He was an editor, farmer and lawyer. He and all of his brothers were educated at their home in Germany. He did much writing in the farming interest. The newspapers of Lexington contain the most complimentary encomiums upon him. He was not at all a propagandist of his views about religion, but he did not believe in any religion.

I have known him for about 50 years and the nearest to any immoral thing that I ever knew of him, or heard of him, or that I suspect of him was that he smoked a pipe; and I think he did that in moderation.

He was, in his eating, the most abstemious man I ever knew and I never knew, or heard of, his taking a drink of any kind of liquor.

I printed a year or two ago a conversation of two men that I did not know that were overheard talking about Lexington.

One of them said "The smartest two men in Lexington are Tobe Gibson and Judge Jim Mulligan and both of them are Atheists."

I was always welcome at his hospitable home and I have visited at his home more than at the home of any man in Lexington.

Captain Gibson several times represented his county in the Kentucky Legislature.

I do not remember ever to have heard a word or an idea from him that would not do to repeat in the company of ladies.

AGED MAN ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE.

Hiawatha, Kan., Dec. 7.—A. A. Arthur, aged seventy-one, who has made his home here since last September, representing himself as a retired preacher and evangelist, was arrested here to-day by a St. Louis detective on the charge of forging a check for \$10,000 at Paris, Texas. Later Arthur admitted his guilt and agreed to return to Texas without a requisition.

There are certainly many bad preachers and "evangelists," but I suppose it is justice to preachers to say that some bad men who claim to be preachers are not really so.

A letter to Mrs. Virginia D. Young, Fairfax, South Carolina, thanks her for having sent him copies of the Blade, and closes by saying:

"I am, now, a regular subscriber to Mr. Moore's paper and am much entertained, from time to time, by his utterances."

Yours sincerely,
ALFRED ALDRICH

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